

Applications for asylum in EU plummeted during pandemic



Brussels, June 11 (RHC)-- Asylum applications in Europe fell to the lowest level in April for over a decade as borders closed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, European Union figures show, compounding the challenges of people fleeing conflict and persecution.

The number of asylum applications declined to 8,730 during April, an 86 percent drop from 61,421 in February, according to figures obtained by Reuters from the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).

The EU had shut its external borders in March and many of its 27 member states suspended registration of applications.

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